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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DESIRABILITY OF GOODWILL GESTURE TOWARD BOKASSA AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE NECESSARY EFFECT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY MEANS OF LETTER SET FORTH PARA 2 WHICH WAS APPROVED BY SECRETARY APRIL 24 WHILE ENROUTE AFRICA.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA: QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I DEPART ON MY TOUR OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, ONE OF MY DEEPEST REGRETS IS THAT THE DEMANDS OF MY SCHEDULE WILL PREVENT ME FROM VISITING MANY OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN AFRICA, -INCLUDING THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

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I HAVE, HOWEVER, ASKED THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AFRICAN

AFFAIRS, MR. THOMPSON BUCHANAN, TO VISIT BANGUI NEXT MONTH.
HE WILL BE BRINGING MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES AND THE HOPE
OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THAT THE CLOSE RE-
LATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER.

I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE CLOSE COOPERATION AND
FRIENDSHIP THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN TOWARDS THE UNITED
STATES, AND I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE VALUE YOUR MANY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMON INTERESTS. I LOOK FORWARD
TO A MEETING WITH YOU, IF AND WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO RE-
SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY. BEST REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS. SISCO

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